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For:

Method and Apparatus for Communication Network Cluster Formation and

Transmission of Node Link Status Messages with Reduced Protocol Overhead Traffic

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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